

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A waterproof structure that is provided on a device, comprising:

a waterproof member that is interposed between a first member and a second member and that is put in close contact with the first member and the second member by elastic deformation, thereby effecting waterproofing,

wherein the waterproof member is a pipe having: (i) a hollow cross-section in a cross-section perpendicular to an axial direction of the pipe, and (ii) two terminal-end faces at opposite axial ends of the pipe;

wherein the pipe ~~that~~ is formed by extrusion-molding a material with elasticity and anti-permeation properties, the terminal-end faces of the pipe are disposed to be opposed to each other with their centers being aligned, and the pipe is axially extended by pressure that acts when the first member and the second member are engaged or attached to each other, whereby the terminal-end faces of the pipe are brought into close contact with each other and waterproofing is effected.

2. (Currently Amended) The waterproof structure according to claim 1, wherein the waterproof member is formed by

extrusion-molding a rubber or a resin, and the waterproof member
has one of a perfect circular shape, a rectangular shape, a
5 polygonal shape and an oval shape in a cross-section
perpendicular to ~~a longitudinal~~ the axial direction of the pipe.

3. (Currently Amended) The waterproof structure according
to claim 1, wherein ~~the pipe has terminal end faces at both ends,~~
the waterproof structure includes a groove as a grooved portion
that is formed in the first member in an annular shape, and a
5 projection portion that is formed on the second member for
engagement with the groove; and

wherein the pipe is fitted in the groove such that the
terminal-end faces of the pipe are opposed to each other at a
distance with their centers being aligned, and the pipe is
10 extended along the groove when an outer peripheral surface of the
pipe is pressed by engagement between the first member and the
second member, whereby the terminal-end faces of the pipe are
brought into close contact with each other.

Claims 4-6 (Canceled).

7. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) The waterproof structure
according to claim 1, wherein ~~the pipe has terminal end faces at~~
~~both ends,~~ the first member has a U-groove that is formed in an

annular shape, and the second member has a flat surface which
5 opposes the first member;

wherein the pipe is disposed in the U-groove such that the
terminal-end faces of the pipe are opposed to each other at a
distance with their centers being aligned, and the pipe extends
along the U-groove when the pipe is pressed as the first member
10 and the second member are made to contact each other, whereby the
terminal-end faces of the pipe are brought into close contact
with each other.

8. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) The waterproof structure
according to claim 1, wherein ~~the pipe has terminal end faces at~~
~~both ends,~~ the first member and the second member have U-grooves,
each with an annular shape, which are formed to face each other;
5 and

wherein the pipe is disposed in the U-grooves such that the
terminal-end faces of the pipe are opposed to each other at a
distance with their centers being aligned, and the pipe is
extended along the U-grooves when an outer periphery of the pipe
10 is pressed as the first member and the second member are made to
contact each other, whereby the terminal-end faces of the pipe
are brought into close contact with each other.